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General E. E. Partridge, USAF
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Dear General Partridge,

Your letter of 22 April is very encouraging to our efforts to obtain critical intelligence information. We are certainly determined to avoid, if at all possible, being caught by some "technological surprise".

Possibilities for technological improvement of the air-breathing vehicle and its possible uses to which you allude are provocative. We have been of late giving these matters close study and will continue to do so.

As you point out, our over-all defense posture in the face of gaps in intelligence poses for national authorities a very difficult question. Naturally, we in intelligence are eager to do all that we can to identify the real threats so that national defense expenditures need not be applied to preparations against all possible threats.

We were only too glad to provide the briefing on 9 April, and we will want to bring you up-to-date when and if we have additional material that warrants your attention. I appreciate your letter and your offer of assistance for which I would not hesitate to ask should occasion warrant.

ORIGINATOR:

Sincerely yours,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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